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# Trumps en route

UNDER FIRE

## Luxury hotel opening in Vancouver taking heat

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

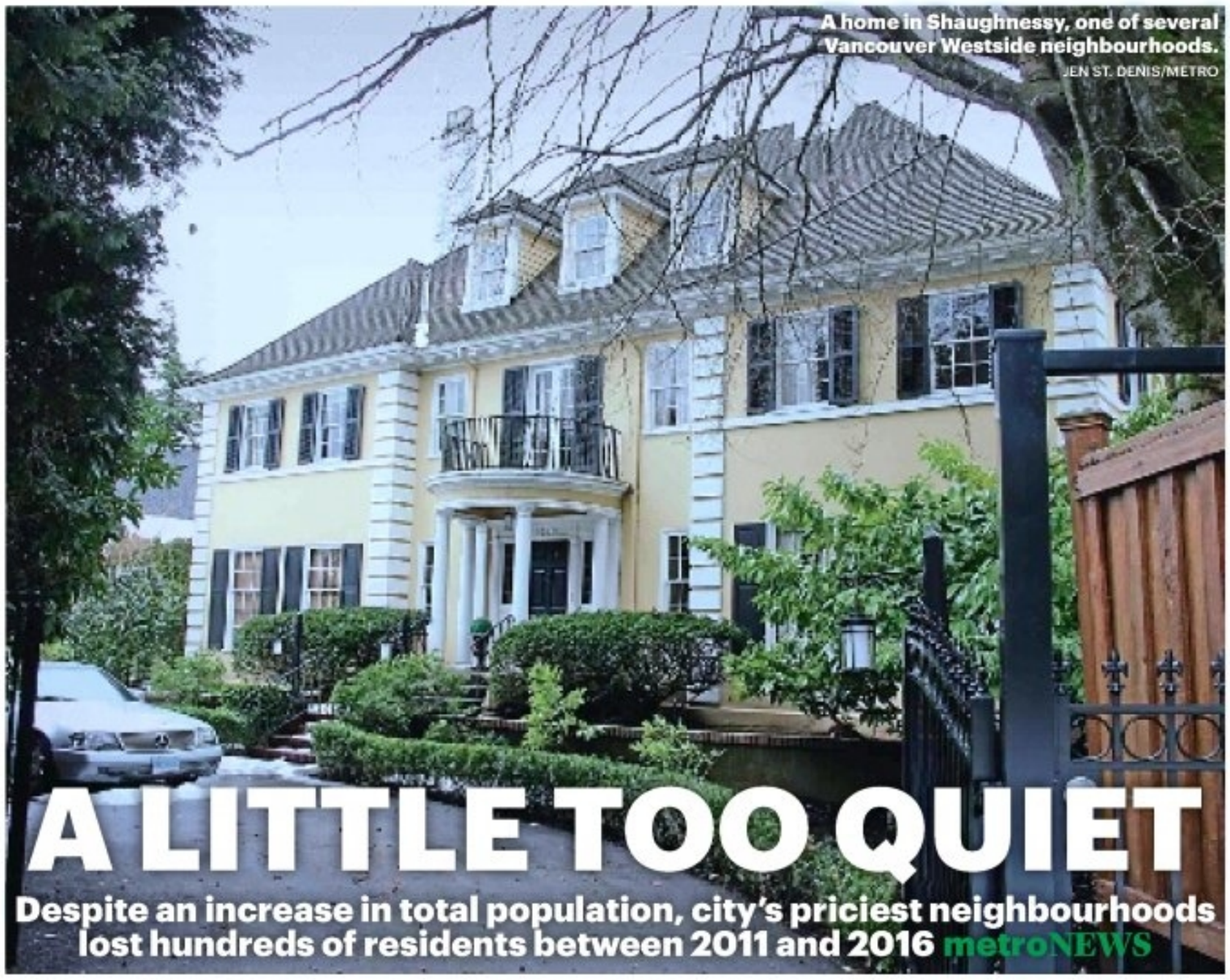
U.S. President Donald Trump's sons, Donald Jr. and Eric Trump, will be visiting Vancouver soon to promote the newly opened Trump Hotel here, according to the New York Times.

The story, first published Feb. 13, says Trump's sons will travel to Vancouver in about a week to promote the new hotel, which had a "soft launch" opening in January. The brothers will be in attendance when the hotel holds an official opening party on Feb. 28, according to Talk Shop Media, a Vancouver public relations firm.

As with everything to do with the controversial new president, the Trump Hotel has attracted its fair share of criticism. In 2015, Vancouver's mayor, Gregor Robertson, asked the developer, Holborn Group, to remove Trump's name from the luxury hotel and condo tower on West Georgia Street. Coun. Kerry Jang called the 69-storey tower, which prominently displays the Trump name, a "beacon of racism."

Robertson and Jang were at the time reacting to Trump's call for a complete ban on Muslims entering the United States. Shortly after taking office, Trump signed an executive order barring immigrants and permanent residents from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States — a directive that has since been overturned by U.S. courts.

Brent Toderian, former chief planner for the City of Vancouver, has been vocal in his criticism of Holborn for failing to remove the Trump name. "When you attach the Trump name to a building, it's Donald Trump's name you're attaching and everything that comes with it," Toderian wrote to Metro in October.



A home in Shaughnessy, one of several Vancouver Westside neighbourhoods.
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## A LITTLE TOO QUIET

Despite an increase in total population, city's priciest neighbourhoods lost hundreds of residents between 2011 and 2016 metroNEWS

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TRANSPORTATION

## Washington considers high-speed rail line

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An Amtrak Cascades train in Washington state. Washington's governor is commissioning a one-year, $1-million study of a rail link to Vancouver. PETER HALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Hop on a train and you could be in Seattle in less than an hour — that's the dream Washington state's governor is trying to make a reality by commissioning a feasibility study for a high-speed rail line between Vancouver, Seattle and Portland.

The one-year, $1-million study would determine the potential routes, ridership numbers and costs of the project, according to the 2017-19 Transportation Appropriations Bill. A one-way trip to Seattle from Vancouver on the current line, Amtrak Cascades, takes three hours.

Giving the region a bullet train is an idea that has been around for decades but all the chips have to fall into place for an international rail line like the one proposed to materialize, said Washington State Transportation Centre's director, Mark Hallenbeck.

"It's a very tough task," he said, citing lack of political will, environmental concerns, and NIMBY-ism as just a few examples of what could stand in the way.

But the Pacific Northwest is the perfect place to build a bullet-train line, he argued.

"People in the cities already share an awful lot of interaction in terms of their business markets as well as their tourism markets," he said.

B.C.'s minister of transportation, Todd Stone, told reporters Tuesday the provincial government supports the idea of a high-speed rail line between Vancouver and Seattle, but added it was too early to say whether B.C. would pay for part of the proposed project.

But financial support or not, building a rail line is rarely a smooth ride, said Hallenbeck. He cited one major obstacle for the Seattle-Vancouver route — finding the political will to build a high-speed rail line that goes into an already crowded city.

"The kicker is how do you get into Vancouver from the border."

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## Dog poo gets its own bin

More than 350,000 dogs poo in Metro Vancouver's parks every day, according to the region's website.

Several cities are now installing dog-waste-only bins to ensure that waste goes where it belongs — in a sewage treatment facility and not the landfill.

North Vancouver is piloting a Dog-Waste-Only garbage program with designated waste bins in Mosquito Creek, Kings Mill Walk and Lynnmouth Park.

City crews will empty the bins once a week, according to the city's website.

The city will audit the waste bins at the end of 2017 and add more dog-waste-only bins if the program is successful.

The City of Vancouver started a similar pilot program in the summer of 2016 and maintains dog-waste-only bins in Charleson Park, John Hendry Park and Grimmett Park.

Surrey is trying a different approach, with a weekly dog-poo collection service for residents at $5 per week.

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metro NEWS

Your essential daily news Lead plaintiff in '60s Scoop lawsuit, Marcia Brown Martel, says decision makes for a "better country." **Canada**

# Duelling Pride parade petitions launched

POLICE

## Latest effort wants officers welcomed

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

A new online petition is calling for Vancouver Pride Society to include the city's police department and RCMP in its annual celebration of LGBTQ communities.

The push comes on the heels of another petition pushing the society in the opposite direction, calling police "an instrument of state violence and oppression" that the Pride movement was formed to protest against in 1969.

"Vancouver's LGBTQ community has a long history of positive engagement with the Vancouver Police Department," argued the Feb. 12 petition, launched by several LGBTQ community stalwarts and veterans, which garnered 1,258 signatories as of Tuesday midday.

One of that petition's creators was transgender activist Velvet Steele, who told Metro she believes Pride can remain both a celebration and a protest — as long as there's respect between opposing viewpoints.

"It's important to keep everybody included in the negotiating process," she said in a phone interview, "not to close the door in people's faces.

**Controversy sparked by Black Lives Matter over VPD's participation in the Pride parade has resurfaced. The latest petition wants police welcomed.** DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Controversy last summer over whether Vancouver Pride Parade should include police floats and vehicles has re-ignited in the cold of winter, with the annual festival's planners set to consider demands from Black Lives Matter Vancouver later this month.

"Pride parade will not be a safe space for many Black people and people of colour until (police) are removed from the parade," stated BLM's Feb. 7 petition, which had 679 signatures by Tuesday midday. Metro was unable to reach Black Lives Matter Vancouver organizers before deadline.

Vancouver police spokesman Sgt. Randy Fincham said the force will "unless requested otherwise, have our volunteers and civilian and sworn staff walk with pride for our 21st year in the 2017 Vancouver Pride Parade, to show support for the entire LGBTQ2+ community," he said in an email.

With BLM expected to meet Pride Society directors on Feb. 21, another of the pro-police petition's creators said LGBTQ community veterans felt they needed to counter a "one-sided conversation" and show support for the VPD's outreach and inclusion efforts.

Kevin Dale McKeown, Vancouver's first out gay journalist who was the Georgia Straight's gay columnist in the 1970s, said he "can't speak to the relationship between the black community in Vancouver and the police," but said that while he acknowledged "this is a big and serious issue that's not just historic but ongoing," booting one group out over another was not the way to address it.

"Our hope is that the Pride Society will, after due consideration, decide our relationship with the VPD and the RCMP is such that we do welcome them in our parade," he said. "I hope that the Pride directors are able to find a positive way to engage."

KINDER MORGAN

## Pipeline opponents revive icy challenge

Remember the "Ice Bucket Challenge" for Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) awareness that went viral on social media in summer 2014, with thousands of participants dumping buckets of ice over their heads?

What about the Indigenous-led "Winter Challenge" during that year's Idle No More groundswell across Canada?

Now in British Columbia, opponents of Kinder Morgan's plans to expand its Trans Mountain pipeline are shivering and shuddering to shut down the project — which has been approved by both Ottawa and Victoria and is expected to start construction in September.

The Texas energy giant's $7-billion plan would triple the flow of diluted bitumen oil through a mostly existing pipeline, increasing the oil flow from 300,000 barrels to 890,000 barrels per day from Alberta's oilsands to a terminal in Burnaby.

> **Do, er, ah ... hot springs count?**
> Ben Tippett

Kinder Morgan has said the pipeline and marine traffic have a proven safety record over decades and that it will meet the safety conditions upon which federal and provincial approvals depend.

The latest incarnation of the icy challenge started with Kai Nagata, communications director for the citizens' environmental group Dogwood Initiative, on Sunday jumping into the very cold Seymour River in North Vancouver.

"This is the Kinder Morgan challenge," he explained in a video posted to Facebook.

The rules are simple: to immerse yourself in any British Columbia body of water. And like the challenge's predecessors, before they dunk participants nominate a few friends to complete the dare in turn.

Nagata's nominations included Vancouver City Coun. Andrea Reimer, an outspoken pipeline opponent, West Coast Environmental Law staff lawyer Eugene Kung, Squamish Nation language advocate Khelsilem, and former Dogwood staffer Mary Leighton, founder of Language Partners B.C.

Leighton and two friends were the first to respond to the dare.

"I accept the challenge," said Leighton in her own Facebook video, as she and her friends took to West Vancouver's Brothers Creek on Monday.

"We love clean water!"

Meanwhile, Coun. Reimer's one-word response to Nagata's video neither confirmed nor denied whether she would be accepting the wintry challenge quite yet. Her reply: "Thanks?"

Meanwhile some cleverly attempted to find ways to participate without actually getting cold, with University of B.C. Okanagan theoretical physicist and mathematician Ben Tippett asking Nagata: "Do, er, ah ... hot springs count?"

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# Clark promises relief is coming

THRONE SPEECH

## Premier says budget will aid taxpayers but remains vague

Premier Christy Clark
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The B.C. government says it is time to reap the financial rewards of sustained budget surpluses, promising taxpayers Tuesday that they can expect to see some relief in next week's budget.

Premier Christy Clark said the budget will offer taxpayers help with the fiscal burdens they face, but she wasn't saying much else about what's coming, other than ruling out rebate cheques.

"I want to find ways to give back to British Columbians," she told a news conference after the government's throne speech was delivered by Lt.-Gov. Judith Guichon on Tuesday. The budget will be the last before this spring's provincial election. NDP Leader John Horgan saw the throne speech as a pitch for votes.

"As throne speeches go, this is one of the hollowest I've seen," he said.

"It's a good thing she didn't say pay off because that's what it sounds like to me."

He said the government is planning to offer British Columbians some form of financial reward after hitting them with years of increases for hydro, auto insurance and medical services premiums. Clark's government is expected to table its fifth consecutive balanced budget next week.

In November, the government projected a surplus of about $2.2 billion for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Like many throne speeches, details on the government's plans for the new legislative session were vague.

"After years of sacrifice by all of us in British Columbia through challenging times, working together with a plan, your government is now in a position to pay you back, to relieve some financial burdens and to invest in your household," it said.

The government's focus on balanced budgets, spending controls and debt reduction has produced growing surpluses that give the province the ability to do more for taxpayers, the speech said.

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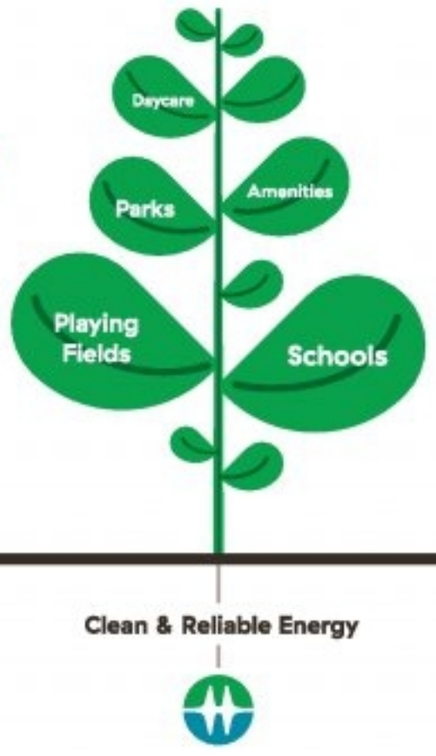


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# Prices up, populations down

DEMOGRAPHICS

## Census study shows tony 'hoods losing residents

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Are some of Vancouver's quiet, tree-lined single-family neighbourhoods a little too quiet?

In contrast to Vancouver's overall population growth of 4.6 per cent between 2011 and 2016, a cluster of neighbourhoods on the city's pricy Westside lost hundreds of people in the same period. Arbutus Ridge, Kerrisdale, Shaughnessy and Dunbar/Southlands all lost population, a phenomenon researchers say is worthy of more study.

"Population drop is always kind of jarring," said Jens von Bergmann, a data analyst who has been mapping Canadian census data (the latest population numbers came out on Feb. 8). "We know that overall population went up quite a bit."

Von Bergmann's mapping tool CensusMapper.ca also shows that during the same period, the number of unoccupied homes in the same Westside neighbourhoods went up, as well as in other various pockets across the city.

There are three factors at play, and it's unclear which ones are most driving population decline in these neighbourhoods, said Nathanael Lauster, a sociologist at the University of British Columbia.

Population may be declining because very few new homes are being added to a neighbourhood — that's certainly the case in the Westside neighbourhoods, von Bergmann said.

While laneway homes and additional basement suites have been popular in East Vancouver's single-family neighbourhoods, they've been much rarer on the Westside, in part because the very high price of Westside homes means the "mortgage-helper" economics of adding a suite don't really work.

"The people that need a mortgage helper, they don't buy there," von Bergmann said.

Canadian households have been getting smaller over the past 30 years as couples have fewer children and are less likely to live with extended family. As the boomers age, their children may leave home or their spouse may pass away, leaving fewer people living in a house.

This map reveals which neighbourhoods gained and lost population. Magenta neighbourhoods lost the most, while dark green gained the most. COURTESY JENS VON BERGMANN/CENSUSMAPPER.CA

An increase in the number of unoccupied homes can also cause population to decline, said von Bergmann and Lauster.

"Any place that is seeing an uptick in second homes will have a downtick in population in terms of people living in those areas," Lauster said.

The population decline isn't necessarily a concern, especially if it's just a matter of elderly people "aging in place," Lauster said.

> **"Any place that is seeing an uptick in second homes will have a downtick in population.**
> Nathanael Lauster

"I do think a lot of these neighbourhoods where we haven't seen new building are heavily protected by (single family) zoning legislation, which prevents lower income and moderate income households moving into these neighbourhoods."

The story won't really be complete until Statistics Canada makes more data from the 2016 Census available, von Bergmann said. For instance, the next release in May will include information about age, sex and type of dwelling.

"Between 2006 and 2011 we saw a drop in children in the City of Vancouver, across all age groups, which I don't think has been appreciated enough," he said. "It'll be interesting to see whether that's continued."

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# ‘Great harm was done’

SIXTIES SCOOP

## Judge sides with survivors in groundbreaking decision

After trying for eight years to have a class-action lawsuit brought by Ontario survivors of the '60s Scoop thrown out, the federal government was dealt a blow Tuesday in a stinging ruling by a Toronto judge who found in the survivors' favour.

The government had a "common law duty of care" to take reasonable steps to prevent on-reserve children from losing their indigenous identity after they were removed and placed in non-indigenous care between 1965 and 1984, concluded Superior Court Justice Edward Belobaba.

"Canada breached this common law duty of care," the judge said.

It's believed there are at least 16,000 survivors of the '60s Scoop in Ontario, who have spoken of psychological harm as a result of the loss of their cultural identity, which has affected them throughout adulthood.

"The Sixties Scoop happened and great harm was done," Belobaba wrote in his 20-page ruling.

Beaverhouse First Nation Chief Marcia Brown Martel is the lead plaintiff in an Ontario class-action suit. A judge ruled Tuesday in favour of 16,000 indigenous Ontarians who were removed from their communities in the Sixties Scoop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The uncontroverted evidence of the plaintiff's experts is that the loss of their aboriginal identity left the children fundamentally disoriented, with a reduced ability to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. The loss of aboriginal identity resulted in psychiatric disorders, substance abuse, unemployment, violence and numerous suicides."

The victory — the first for a '60s Scoop lawsuit in Canada — after years of legal wrangling was hailed by the plaintiffs and indigenous rights groups, who acknowledged this is not the end of the case.

The lead plaintiff, Marcia Brown Martel, 53, a member of the Temagami First Nation near Kirkland Lake, Ont., was adopted by a non-aboriginal couple in 1972 at age nine. She later discovered the Canadian government had declared her original identity dead.

"I feel like a great weight has been lifted from my heart," Brown Martel said. "Our pain was acknowledged."

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IMMIGRATION

## Goodale to talk border with U.S. counterpart

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he will soon talk face-to-face with his U.S. counterpart about the difficulties some Canadians are experiencing at the border.

Ralph Goodale

Goodale said Tuesday he will have a chance in coming weeks — no date has been set — to discuss any border "issues or tensions" with Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly.

"We're working on the scheduling of that," Goodale said after a cabinet meeting.

"The atmosphere in terms of the preliminary relationship seems to be very, very good."

The Nexus trusted-traveller cards of about 200 Canadian permanent residents were suddenly cancelled after President Donald Trump issued an executive immigration order banning visitors from seven largely Muslim countries.

There have been several recent reports about minorities being turned away at the U.S. border. At the same time, Manitoba is grappling with an influx of would-be refugees crossing at remote border points in bitterly cold weather.

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**Liberals write off $178 million in loans**

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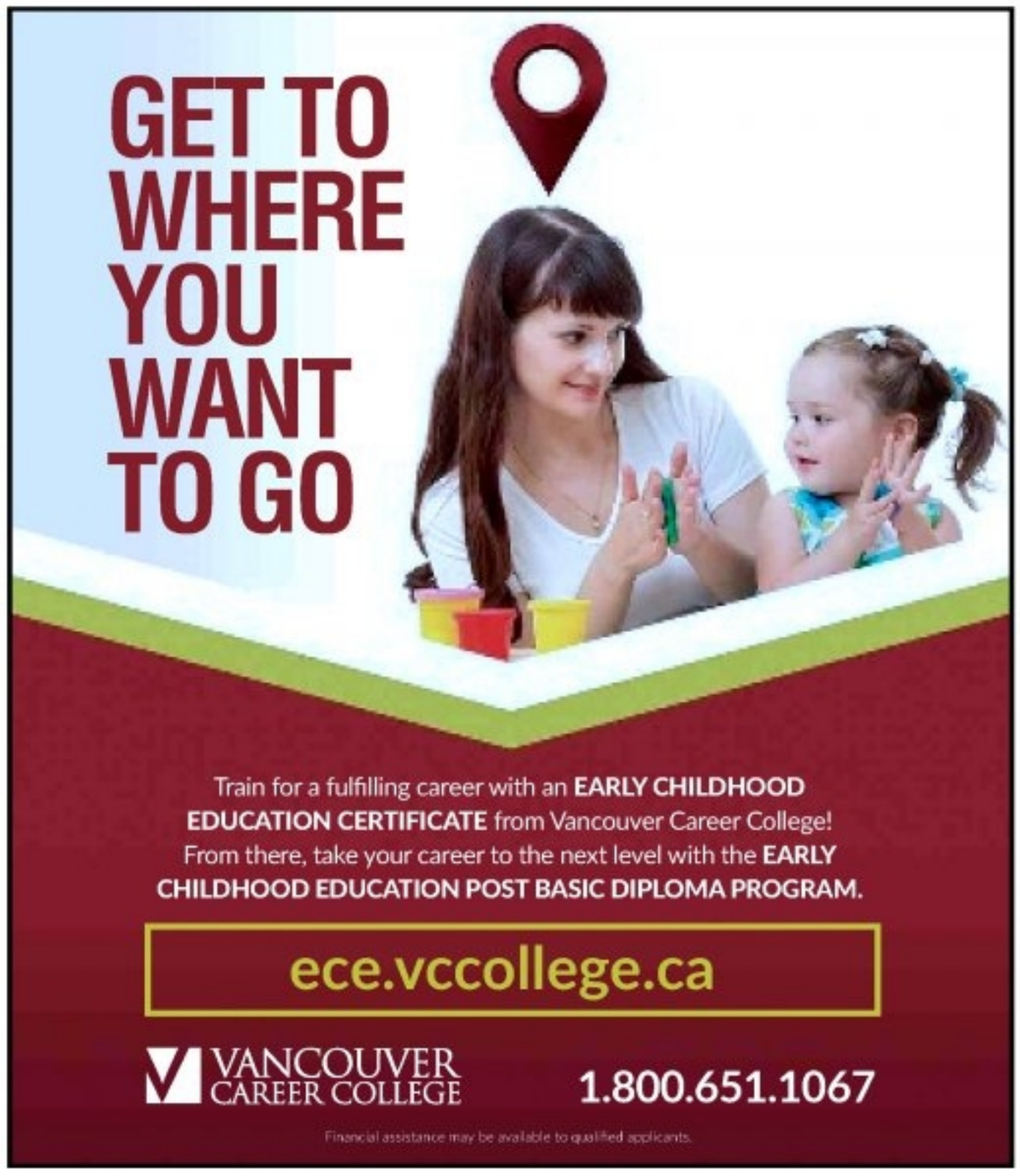

# Drama in D.C.

POLITICS

## President Trump has lots of problems, but Canada isn't one

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has assured his U.S. counterpart over the phone that there might be 10,000 problems that land on his White House desk — and Canada won't be among them.

How true that promise rang Tuesday. Trudeau had barely left Washington and the cheer of a drama-free day was swiftly overshadowed by an incoming storm of palace intrigue, back-stabbing, leaks, international incidents and a spying scandal that rocked Donald Trump's White House.

Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn wandered in to watch the Trudeau-Trump news conference. It made for an awkward scene, as, just a few feet away, a U.S. journalist was chatting on-air about whether Flynn might be fired. He was, hours later.

Less than 24 hours later, at another news conference, Trump's spokesperson was asked why Flynn was fired. Sean Spicer said it was because the former military man and campaign surrogate had misled the president about his phone calls.

"The evolving and eroding level of trust as a result of this situation and a series of other questionable instances is what led the president to ask for Gen. Flynn's resignation," Spicer said.

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**National Security Adviser Michael Flynn has left his position in the Trump administration.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### LATEST NEWS

President Trump was told in late January that his top national security aide had misled his vice-president, weeks before Trump ousted adviser Michael Flynn amid public controversy over Flynn's contacts with a Russian official, said press secretary Sean Spicer.

# PM Joe Trudeau — wait, what?

Donald Trump's press secretary, Sean Spicer, had a lot on his mind at the start of his daily briefing on Tuesday. Which may or may not explain what he called Canada's prime minister.

Joe.

Spicer used much of his opening statement to explain the forced resignation of Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn. Before he let reporters begin grilling him on the Flynn fiasco, he found a bit of time to mention Trump's Monday meeting with Justin Trudeau.

"Yesterday the president set — had an incredibly productive set of meetings and discussions with Prime Minster Joe Trudeau of Canada," he said, "focusing on our shared commitment to close co-operation in addressing both the challenges facing our two countries and the problems throughout the world."

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## JESSICA ALLEN ON SOLIDARITY SISTERS

# It's good to see conflict in feminism as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

On Sunday night, the eve of Galentine's Day no less, Adele told the world her Album of the Year Grammy should've gone to Beyoncé. And then, as if the universe was steered by the forces of sisterhood, the top of the trophy popped off, leaving a piece for each.

It was a shining moment of female friendship. A gesture of solidarity between powerful female voices, Bey's mouthed words to Adele echoing into the era: "I love you."

It was amazing to see undercurrents that sometimes splinter the movement — questions of race and power, who gets included or excluded and why — seemed to melt away.

It was almost enough to make you forget that the institution representing power in the music industry gave the biggest award of the year to a white woman, again.

That beautiful moment also reminded us that though female friendship is a powerful short-hand for solidarity, this stuff is complicated. Really complicated.

Meanwhile, over at HBO, the season premiere of Girls illuminated the seedier side of female relationships.

Hannah Horvath, played by show creator Lena Dunham, lands a column in the New York Times by mining the pain generated by her best friend hooking up with her ex.

**This stuff is complicated. Really complicated.**

The byline leads to a meeting with the editor of the SlagMag: "We're basically hiring you for your look, your vibe and your shape. Just your whole thing," the editor, played by Chelsea Peretti, says. It is something Hannah's always wanted to hear.

The forces of female friendship split Adele's Grammy, so a piece could rightfully go to Beyoncé, Jessica Allen writes. GETTY IMAGES

She's sent on an assignment sold as "stupid and rad." She must infiltrate a surf school in the Hamptons attended by rich women, whom she will pick apart in print.

In a single scene, a woman slaps a scarlet "A" on her one-time friend while the editor reduces Hannah to a caricature and pays her to do the same to other women.

The second episode, which airs this Sunday, delves further into the complicated, sometimes volatile interactions between women. Shoshanna, played by Zosia Mamet, has landed a new marketing job and is eager to network at an event hosted by WEMUN, Women Entrepreneurs Meet Up Now.

It's a chance for "amazing business women" to connect and talk about how to "synergize and mobilize."

Jessa, lost professionally and personally, tags along, functioning as the audience's Greek choir, asking Shosh why she wants to surround herself with this brand of woman, especially with membership fees at $2,000.

"Whether it's how to rock a romper at a work event or who you should be voting for, a WEMUN woman is the person to ask," a co-founder tells the group. "Is it open for trans women? The answer is we don't know, OK?"

Not just a great punch line, that "we don't know" was refreshing. Having the courage to say "I don't know" when dealing with something as complex as the power of half the planet is hell of a lot better than the mission statement demanded by some after the Women's March on Washington.

Remember when Gloria Steinem and Madeleine Albright, two towering figures of feminism, told progressive young women who to vote for? Now that a man who has a public record of demeaning women is president of the U.S., this infighting over what some might consider minutiae of feminism, seems quaint.

The thorny problem here: feminism, which at its most basic means equal opportunities for women in every sphere, doesn't mean that 3.5 billion people have to agree with each other. Equality and liberty mean very different things, which is why the French made sure to include both words in their national motto.

It's good to see conflicts in the feminist movement as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

We are not going to agree on everything, which is why Girls, a show about four millennial white women living in Brooklyn is so good: it revels in the mess.

Though Hannah does express a sentiment that transcends all boundaries: "I definitely feel more like a dumpling than a woman," she said.

Welcome to the club.

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**Jessica Allen** is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

## VICKY MOCHAMA

# Don't bother asking the liar-in-chief for any answers on Flynn

With the late-night resignation of Donald Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn, the question has to be asked: What did the president know and when did he know it?

The more important question for me, however, is: Are we all talking about the same president? And are we asking about what he knows? If they hadn't made him move house, I would doubt he was aware that he was actually president.

I'm not entirely certain he has read the American Constitution.

He can't have, because he would have thought long and hard (for him) before surrounding himself with opportunistic billionaires and Mike Pence while the 25th amendment still exists.

(Section 4 of the 25th Amendment allows a majority of the cabinet to declare the president unfit to serve. It also elevates the vice-president to the presidency.)

The one thing we can be certain of is that whenever Donald Trump was told A Thing is an entirely different moment from when he actually knew That Thing. Which is, in turn, a different event from when he will ultimately, and needlessly, lie about It.

After all, this is the administration that has introduced the world to "alternative facts."

In this way, Trump is an inspiring leader. You can see his on-again-off-again relationship with the truth all over his administration. At Tuesday morning's briefing, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer called our prime minister "Joe Trudeau." Maybe it was an accident, but the visit happened 24 hours ago. How hard is it to not screw up your guest's name?

Comically-innocent errors have been few and far between. Everything else is far more dangerous.

The promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act looks poised to just be a repeal. "Draining the swamp" has included putting billionaires from Goldman Sachs and ExxonMobil in the cabinet.

From the wild manipulations of adviser Kellyanne Conway to the mendacity of Spicer to the alleged threats from Omarosa Manigault, the staff are clearly taking their cues from the top.

Aside from the actual access he has to nuclear weapons, the daily danger that Trump possesses is that of a clueless white man speaking loudly on things he knows nothing about. This is an archetype who, when questioned, will lie and obfuscate.

As reported last summer in the Washington Post, in a 2007 deposition lawyers caught Trump in a lie 30 times. Try lying 30 times at your job today. They'll either make you CEO or show you the door. (Don't tell them I sent you; I take no responsibility.)

In this alternate reality we're living, the question should be asked: What did Trump voters know and when did they know it?

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ABC has named a black woman as its Bachelorette for the first time in the show's history. Rachel Lindsay, a 31-year-old attorney from Texas, will lead the 13th season of The Bachelor spinoff.

# Heartwarming winter soul food

Now's the time when a lot of Canadians wish they could bid winter farewell forever. But with these three heartwarming recipes, not only will you enjoy a toasty afternoon in the kitchen, you'll be able to savour all the comforting results throughout the week... **RICARDO LARRIVÉE** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Spice-rubbed Pork Chops

Makes 4 servings.

You wouldn't think that a recipe that requires just 10 minutes of prep could yield such remarkable results, but that's the thing with pork chops: They're fast and delicious. This recipe pairs them with a brown sugar rub filled with the five-alarm fragrance of chili powder, black pepper, cumin and garlic, which caramelizes into the most delectable crust. This recipe will wind up on your regular roster.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 tbsp coarse salt
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin seeds
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 4 bone-in pork chops, 1 inch (2.5 cm) thick, trimmed

**Directions:**

**1.** In a bowl, combine all the ingredients, except for the pork chops. Place the meat on a plate. Coat and rub with the spice mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

**2.** Preheat the grill, setting the burners to medium-high. Oil the grate.

**3.** Grill the pork chops for 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium-rare doneness. Let rest for 5 minutes. If desired, garnish with chopped celery leaves.

## Beef and Leek Confit Open-Faced Sandwich

Makes 4 servings.

The linchpin component here is the leek confit, which sounds fancy but is easy as pie to make: It's simply seasoned leeks baked for 40 minutes in cream and butter. Served over crusty country bread and topped with hot mustard, cheese, arugula and thinly sliced flank steak, it makes for a simple but memorable meal.

**Ingredients:**

*For leeks:*

- 2 leeks, cut into pieces 1 1/4 inches (3 cm) thick
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream
- 1/4 cup (55 g) cold butter, cubed
- Salt and pepper, to taste

*For beef:*

- 1 flank steak or beef strip loin, about 1 lb (450 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil

*For sandwiches:*

- 4 slices country bread
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Dijon mustard
- 8 oz (200 g) firm cheese (Marechal, Comté, Gruyère), cut into 4 slices
- 1 cup (25 g) baby arugula
- Pepper, to taste

**Directions:**

**1.** To make the leek confit, with the rack in middle position preheat the oven to 400F/200C. In a baking dish, spread the leeks in an even layer and cover with the cream and butter. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and continue baking for about 5 minutes. Set aside.

**2.** Meanwhile, to prepare the beef, heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add meat and brown on both sides until desired doneness. Set aside on a plate and let rest for about 15 minutes. Thinly slice the meat.

**3.** To make the sandwiches, move oven rack to highest position and preheat broiler. Place bread slices on a baking sheet. Spread with mustard and cover with cheese. Broil for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and bread begins to toast. Garnish with sliced beef, leeks, and arugula. Generously season.

## Cheddar and Broccoli Soup

Makes 4 servings.

Broccoli is a hard sell for some kids, but not in this recipe, which includes so many other favourite flavours: cheddar cheese, cream, chicken broth, even ham! The result is a hearty soup that's creamy, salty and smoky, and the embodiment of comfort food. Make a double batch and you'll have enough to warm your soul every day this week.

**Ingredients:**

- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (40 g) butter
- 4 thin slices ham, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (40 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 3 1/2 cups (875 mL) chicken broth
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream or 15 per cent cooking cream
- 1 tsp (5 mL) whole-grain mustard
- 2 1/2 cups (225 g) grated mild orange cheddar cheese
- 4 cups (1 L) cooked broccoli florets

**Directions:**

**1.** In a saucepan over medium heat, soften shallot and garlic in butter. Add ham and cook for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and nutmeg and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add broth, cream and mustard. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring with a whisk.

**2.** Simmer gently for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese until it is melted completely. Add broccoli and heat through, without boiling. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Transfer to serving bowls.

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# Corolla safety features add value

REVIEW

## XSE: Safer and sleeker but still not very fun to drive

Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

The Toyota Corolla is simultaneously one of the most loved and most hated cars on the market. Millions of people buy Corollas, yet car snobs will go on and on about how boring they are.

Here's the truth: For what it is — a budget compact sedan — the Toyota Corolla is perfectly fine, especially because it has just been refreshed for the 2017 model year.

There are a lot of misconceptions we have to clear up about the 2017 Toyota Corolla.

People will tell you it's garbage because it feels like a cheap car. But while the Corolla can't match a Lexus or even a Honda Civic in terms of swankiness, but it's not as bad as you've heard.

The 2017 Corolla gets a new look that gives the sedan some personality. It doesn't seem as cheap, both inside and out. LED headlights and a backup camera are now standard, but more importantly, so is Toyota's safety technology package.

Where most other cars in this class make you pay extra, the Corolla includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, adaptive cruise control and automatic highbeams as standard equipment. That's a huge deal, considering this car starts at $18,500 in the U.S. and $16,390 in Canada.

One oddity is that blind spot monitoring is an option on the Corolla, something drivers may find more useful day to day.

Another misconception is that the Corolla is awful to drive, which isn't 100 per cent true either. In the city, the Corolla is actually pretty great. It's easy and fuss-free, it has great sightlines and off-the-line acceleration isn't terrible. The turning radius is nice and tight so parking and completing U-turns is easy.

It's when you take the Corolla on the highway where it becomes a little depressing. The steering gets extra vague and twitchy, but even worse is that the engine is borderline unresponsive when trying to make a pass. The Corolla is powered by a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine with 140 horsepower and 126 pound-feet of torque — great in the city, but just not very good at high speeds.

As tested, this Corolla comes with heated seats, a push-button start, keyless entry, auto-dimming rearview mirror, an eight-way power driver's seat, leather-like seating, a sunroof and navigation as options.

In terms of value, the Corolla undercuts the Civic on price while still offering more important standard features at base level. Even fully loaded, the pricing isn't out of whack, but topline models start to step on the toes of much better, more complete cars that might offer a better driving experience or feel more luxurious.

### THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA COROLLA XSE

**THE BASICS**

**Engine:** 1.8L four-cylinder
**Output:** 140 hp, 126 pound-feet of torque
**Transmission:** CVT
**Fuel Economy (L/100 km):** 8.3 city, 6.7 hwy, 7.5 combined (CVT)
**Price:** Starts at $16,390/$26,928 as tested

**LOVE IT**

- Generous standard features and safety equipment
- Affordable
- Roomy

**LEAVE IT**

- Lackluster driving dynamics on highway

INNOVATION

## BraunAbility and Chrysler team up to create wheelchair-accessible Pacifica

Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

The Chrysler Pacifica is the most spacious wheelchair-accessible vehicle in the industry.

The American automaker teamed up with BraunAbility to design a wheelchair-accessible Pacifica that is making its debut at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

The minivan features patent-pending AccessAbility technology, including an aerospace-inspired sliding door extension and the industry's widest side-entry ramp.

Helping expand interior space are rear-axle space innovations and cantilevered seat bases.

And to ensure Chrysler integrity and quality, BraunAbility sources its components through the same suppliers and crash-tests to the highest automotive standards.

The partnership between the two companies also include co-promotion support for the Give a Dog a Job Program benefiting Canine Companions for Independence.

The wheelchair-accessible Chrysler Pacifica is just the latest in a long-time partnership between the two brands, which began more than 45 years ago.

"Whether it's a veteran, a colleague, friend or a family member, there's a good chance we all know someone with a physical disability who needs help getting to the places and events that matter most to them," said Tim Kuniskis, head of Passenger Cars, Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA North America.

"The all-new Chrysler Pacifica is proving to be a lot of things to a lot of people, and now equipped with the BraunAbility technology, it is also the perfect tool to help our customers gain freedom to stay active in their everyday lives."

**The Chrysler Pacifica minivan with AccessAbility technology is just the latest product to stem from Chrysler's 45 year-long partnership with BraunAbility.** PHOTO COURTESY BRAUNABILITY

**LIMITED EDITION TURNING 80 NO CHALLENGE** Mopar is celebrating its 80th birthday with a limited-edition Dodge Challenger, revealed at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show. Mopar, Fiat Chrysler Automobile's (FCA) official aftermarket parts arm, puts together limited-edition models every year, but for 2017, the car doubles as a birthday celebration. Mopar will build just 160 of these cars, 80 of which will be available in Pitch Black/Contusion Blue while the other 80 will come in Pitch Black/Billet Silver. Each car comes with a serialized Mopar '17 edition badge under the hood, while each customers also gets a Mopar '17 owner's kit which includes things like a welcome letter, birth certificate for the car, a Mopar '17 rendering, Mopar valve stem caps and more. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM PHOTO COURTESY THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

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NBA

## Raptors pull trigger on trade for Ibaka

The Toronto Raptors were cartwheeling down the Eastern Conference standings, and a sense of unease had seeped into the dressing room.

But team president Masai Ujiri made a big splash Tuesday by reeling in power forward Serge Ibaka from the Orlando Magic, acquiring a player he's long coveted.

The Raptors gave up Terrence Ross and a first-round pick in the 2017 draft in exchange for a pivotal big man they hope can catapult them in the right direction.

**Serge Ibaka**
GETTY IMAGES

Ibaka is averaging 15.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and 1.6 blocks a game this season.

Without Ibaka in the lineup Tuesday night, the Raptors lost for the 11th time in their last 15 games, falling 105-94 to the Bulls in Chicago.

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### IN BRIEF

**Therrien out, Julien in as Canadiens bench boss**

The Montreal Canadiens fired head coach Michel Therrien on Tuesday and brought back former Boston Bruins bench boss Claude Julien to help put life back into their slumping team.

Julien became available when he was fired in his 10th season with the Bruins last week and Canadiens general manager Marc Bergevin was quick to snap him up. It is believed that a handful of other teams were also interested in the 56-year-old coach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**PSG blasts Barca in first leg of Champs League meeting**

Two years after being humiliated by Barcelona in the Champions League, Paris Saint-Germain turned the tables on the five-time champions with a relentless display of skill, energy and determination.

Angel Di Maria scored two goals and top scorer Edinson Cavani grabbed his 34th of the season, with both players scoring on their birthdays as PSG battered Barcelona 4-0 in the first leg of their Round of 16 contest on Tuesday.

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# Pens blank Canucks

NHL

## Malkin returns from injury to lead Pittsburgh to victory

The quality Mike Sullivan appreciates the most in Evgeni Malkin is the one that separates the Pittsburgh Penguins star from just about everyone else who happens to do what Malkin does for a living.

"He's such a threat when he's on the ice," Sullivan said. "He's one of the elite players in the league that has the ability to change the outcome."

And do it with style. Malkin celebrated his return from a lower-body injury with his 23rd goal of the season then added a beautiful feed that set up Phil Kessel's third-period goal, helping the Penguins roll by the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 on Tuesday night.

Sidney Crosby earned the 999th point of his career with an assist on Jake Guentzel's goal and Matt Cullen added his ninth of the season for Pittsburgh. Matt Murray stopped 29 shots for his third shutout of the season, and the Penguins remained unbeaten in regulation since the all-star break (5-0-2).

Malkin missed seven games while rehabbing an injury from a victory over St. Louis in Jan. 24.

**Evgeni Malkin scored his 23rd goal of the season on Tuesday against the Canucks.**
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**TUESDAY In Pittsburgh**

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Canucks goaltender Ryan Miller made 38 saves while under siege for most of the night.

"We knew what game we had to play," Miller said. "You saw what happened when we got away from it in the third. We started stretching things out and leaving good ice. It didn't turn out so well."

Despite a series of injuries, the defending Stanley Cup champions have managed to keep pace in the supremely tight Metropolitan Division, where the Penguins, Columbus and the New York Rangers are separated by all of two points as they try to keep first-place Washington in striking distance.

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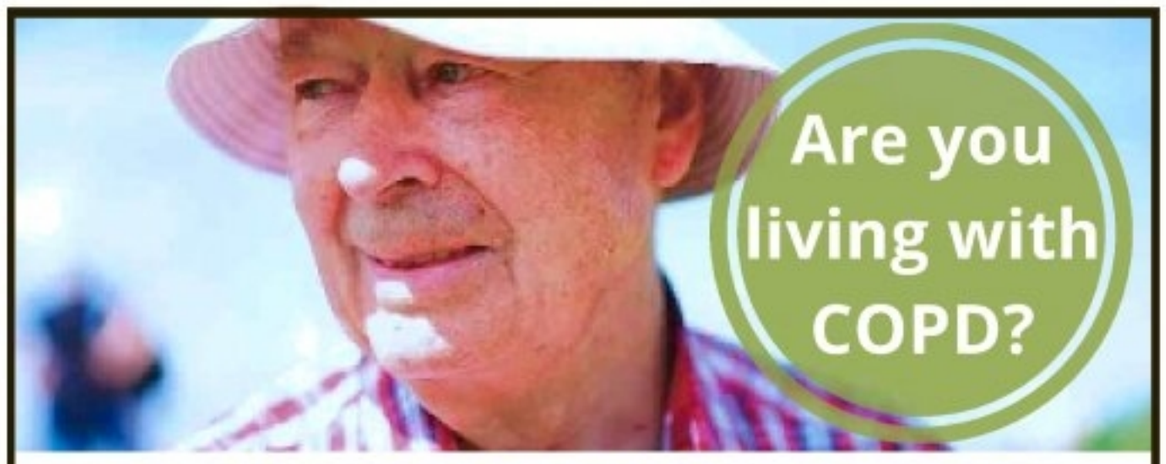
### TRIBUTE

**Unveiling of Quinn statue**

A life-sized bronze statue of Pat Quinn will be unveiled outside Rogers Arena prior to the Canucks-Flames game on Saturday night.

The unveiling will be held at the Toyota Plaza, near Pat Quinn Way at 6:15 p.m. METRO

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*UNDER THE RESEARCH SUPERVISION OF DRS. JACK TAUNTON AND MICHAEL RYAN, PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN A 13-WEEK RUN TRAINING PROGRAM TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE PERFORMANCE AND INJURY EFFECTS OF ALTERNATING WORKOUT TYPE AND FOOTWEAR IN RUNNERS.*

- ✓ This run clinic will be based out of LadySport retail store (545 W 4th Ave, Vancouver, BC).
- ✓ Entry Criteria: Runners (age 19-60 yrs) who can run continuously for 60 minutes, tolerate 20-40 km per week in training, and have no history of significant running injuries within the past 6 months.
- ✓ Clinic start date is April 2017 - Register now, space is limited to the first 150 eligible runners!

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

# *Effortless* Salmon Dinner Tray Bake

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**
For Metro Canada

Cooking your entire dinner on a tray is the ultimate in ease and deliciousness.

**Ready in 35minutes**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

**Ingredients**
- 4 salmon filets
- 12 new potatoes
- 1 bundle of asparagus, washed and trimmed
- 20 cherry tomatoes
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp fresh or dried thyme
- salt and pepper
- big squeeze of lemon juice

**Directions**
**1.** 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
**2.** Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.
**3.** Thinly slice potatoes and scatter them across baking sheet. Season with 2 Tbsp of olive oil, pinch of salt, pepper and thyme. Place in oven for 15 minutes.
**4.** Remove tray from oven. Increase heat to 400 degrees. Lay salmon filets over the potatoes and add the asparagus and tomatoes. Return to oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until salmon is cooked.
**5.** Remove from oven. Squeeze lemon juice over the whole pan and serve.

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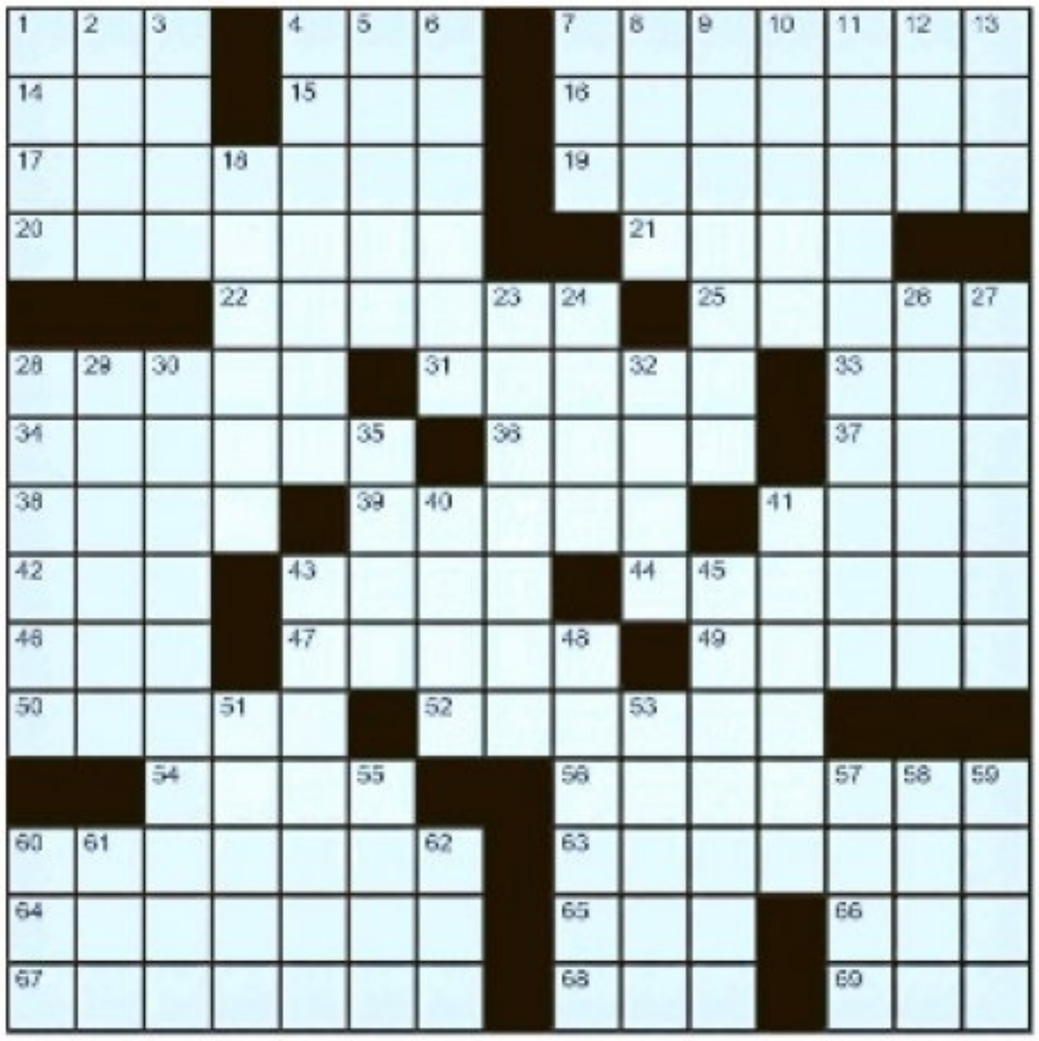
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. "_ and Away" (1992)
4. Mouth, informally
7. Type of landscape feature in Wapusk National Park, in Manitoba: 2 wds.
14. Green
15. "Bravo!"
16. Hors d'oeuvres tray's ritzy roes
17. Norah Jones' musician father, Ravi _
19. Fruit loaf of Germany
20. Gown and cap wearers
21. Perfected
22. Comedians
25. TV network VIPs
28. Dog: French
31. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
33. Quebec turndown
34. Who Achilles killed in the Trojan War
36. Mr. Brynner's
37. Roxy Music's Brian
38. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
39. Actor Mr. Davis
41. Flintstones pet
42. Mythical bird
43. Chimney stuff
44. Beer keg 'faucet'
46. Ms. Carrere
47. "Wicked Game" singer Chris
49. Niners - Eighters = _
50. Theater curtain fabric
52. Furniture polish
54. Rock guitarist Steve's
56. Followers of The Way
60. Test tube room, fun-style: 2 wds.
63. Bauble
64. Barbary pirate
65. Ms. Ronstadt, for short
66. Singer Janis
67. Skiing venues
68. HS subject
69. Texter's polite abbr.

**DOWN**
1. Admit, _ up
2. Patient's pain
3. Horse coat
4. Title lady in a Barenaked Ladies song: 2 wds.
5. _ clock
6. "Prince of _: The Sands of Time" (2010)
7. "Sussudio" singer ...his initials-sharers
8. "I could _ _ horse I'm so hungry!"
9. Shorebirds with stilt-like legs
10. Bathroom cleaning brand
11. Ottawa-Gatineau's annual festival Winterlude as it is known in French: 3 mots
12. Iron _
13. American cable channel
18. Kind with: 2 wds.
23. Where to see the works of art at #30-Down: _ Garden, at Ottawa's Confederation Park
24. Feng _
26. Sarah _, "The Terminator" (1984) character
27. Snobs
28. Business meeting graphics
29. Courageous
30. They have created fantastically frigid sculptures at #11-Down: 2 wds.
32. Pub beverages
35. Aussie hoppers
40. Sudsy stuff
41. Have your meal at home: 2 wds.
43. Resembling
45. Travelling via a bouncy retro stick
48. Tea maker's need
51. Retort to "You are not!": 3 wds.
53. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby
55. "Who knows?" = "Qui _?", en francais
57. Bypass
58. Blue/green
59. RR depots
60. "Proud Mary" gr.
61. Tilling tool
62. Loni Anderson's famous ex ...his initials-sharers

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
This is an upbeat day to deal with members of the general public. It's also a good day to enjoy the company of partners and close friends.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Co-workers will be supportive of you today, because everyone is in a good mood. Work-related travel is likely.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
This is a fun day for sports events, playful activities with children, the arts, social occasions and romance. Whatever you do will expand your day in a funfilled way.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
The earlier part of this day is excellent for real-estate deals. This also is a wonderful time to entertain at home. Invite the gang over.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a positive day for those who are in sales, marketing, writing, teaching or acting, because you really are on your game! All Leos feel upbeat and positive.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day for business and commerce because you're not afraid to think big. A positive attitude with great expectations almost always will yield good results.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, lined up with lucky Jupiter. This makes you generous and sympathetic to others. You feel optimistic and willing to help wherever you can.-

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might put your needs second today to help someone who is in dire straits. You will do this because it feels rewarding to do the right thing.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You'll enjoy hanging out with others today, especially in clubs, teams and classes. There's a strong sense of camaraderie with others, especially if you are working for a common goal.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your enthusiasm for something will impress bosses, parents and VIPs today. They see your positive attitude as an asset, and they are willing to bet on you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day to make travel plans because you are enthusiastic about what is possible. You're not afraid to think big and reach for the impossible.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why gifts, goodies and favours will come your way.

**CONCEPTIS SUDOKU** by Dave Green

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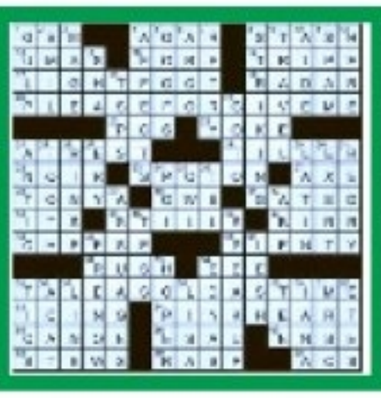

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